Over crowded AIIMS and Ram Manohar Lohia hospitals

†1695. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia hospital and other hospitals situated at New Delhi, the number of patients coming from different parts of the country is increasing day-by-day continuously resulting in unnecessary delay in proper treatment of the patients; and

(b) if so, the details of permanent arrangement and alternative arrangement the Government propose to tackle this humane problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) It is a fact that the number of patients attending All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Dr. RML Hospital and other hospitals in Delhi is gradually increasing in the last few years. However, within the constraints of space and finance in these hospitals, adequate medical care is being provided to all. These hospitals provide tertiary care facilities to a large section of patients not only from Delhi but also from adjoining States and other parts of the country.

Fluorosis Disease

1696. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any nation-wide programme to control 'Fluorosis' disease in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The Government is examining the proposal to formulate a national programme to control fluorosis in the country.

Marking of tar and nicotine level on cigarette packs

1697. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently decided to make it mandatory

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